

WAS MARY ENTICED AWAY?

Pretty Eleven-Year-Old Daughter of Richard Kirwan Mysteriously Missing.

Started Home from School on Tuesday Noon, and Has Not Been Seen Since.

CURIOUS POSTAL CARD RECEIVED.

It Came from Long Island City and Said She Was Going to Asia—A Strange Man Alleged to Have Given Her Candy Once.

Much mystery surrounds the disappearance of eleven-year-old Mary Kirwan, who has been missing from the home of her parents, at No. 213 East Eighty-fourth street, since Tuesday morning. It is feared that she has been kidnapped or abducted. Richard Kirwan, the girl's father, in conjunction with a partner, named Brennan,

merely in the direction of her home, five blocks away. Since that time she has been missing. She has lately been in the habit of going skating in Central Park, and little uneasiness was felt by her parents until night came.

Her elder brothers, James and John, attended another school, and said they knew nothing of her whereabouts, but upon being questioned Master James told a story which greatly increased the alarm of Mr. and Mrs. Kirwan.

He said that a few days ago, when he and his sister were returning from skating, Mary spoke to a tall, thin, dark man, of Jewish appearance, who took her a little way off and gave her some candy.

All night Tuesday the distracted parents sat up, waiting for Mary to return. At 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning a postal card was delivered at the flat, purporting to come from little Mary. It ran as follows:

Dear Mother
We are going to
Asia do not look for me
Your loving
daughter
Mary

The Message on the Postal Card.

Fac-simile of the communication received from little Mary Kirwan, who has been missing from her home in this city since Tuesday, and who is thought to have been abducted. The handwriting said to be hers.

keeps a horse-drawing shop at Lexington avenue and East Eighty-fifth street. He has eight children—two boys, James and John, aged fourteen and thirteen; the missing Mary, and five others, younger. With these and his wife he inhabits the third floor back at No. 213 East Eighty-fourth street. He is spoken of as a sober and industrious man, whose sole passion in life is his love for his family.

Mary was eleven years old last November, and a remarkably pretty and well-formed girl. On Monday last Mary was somewhat ill and her mother kept her at home. On Tuesday morning she was sent to Grammar School No. 63, at Seventy-ninth street and Third avenue, where she was a regular pupil.

HER STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.
Mary was as cheerful as usual throughout the morning session, and at noon started

Kirwan said Mary had no money with her and could not have paid her fare to Long Island City or bought the postal card.

Mr. Kirwan was overcome yesterday when he spoke of his lost child. "She was the brightest, dearest little girl," he said, "and it is cruel to think what may have become of her, for who ever is keeping her or has taken her away can have done so for no good purpose. She must be somewhere, or she would run straight back. She was as good a girl as ever lived."

Mr. Kirwan said he had reported the matter to the police and that two Central Office detectives had been detailed to the search, but they had little to work upon. Late last night the police of the East Eighty-eighth Street Station and the detectives of the Central Office said they had obtained no information as to her whereabouts.

When Mary Kirwan was last seen she wore a French, a black cloth jacket and a Tam o' Shanter hat.

BOYS HELD FOR CRIMES.

Never So Many Bundled into the New York Courts as at Present.

Unusually Large Number of Lads Treading the Road Leading to State Prison.

FOUR JUVENILE BURGLARS HELD.

A Colored Youth to Stand Trial for Highway Robbery—Hallboy at a Hotel Locked Up for Theft.

Never has there been a time when so many New York boys were charged with crime as at present. Highway robbery, pocket picking, burglary, and even threats of murder are charged in the courts, and quite often proved against children from thirteen to sixteen years of age. Many think it is the result of bad reading.

Henry Whitehead, the messenger boy who threatened the life of Janitor Louis E. Dayer, of No. 20 East Twenty-seventh street, on Wednesday, was yesterday taken to Jefferson Market Police Court. He said he had found the pistol under a cab at the corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, and pulled it, after having had a quarrel with Rayer, but had not meant to shoot him. The janitor declined to press the charge, and the boy was turned over to the Gier Society to have his character investigated. The messenger was stripped of his buttons at the telegraph office at Broadway and Thirtieth street.

Coroner Hoebel yesterday discharged fifteen-year-old Herman Rohrer, of No. 312 East Sixty-seventh street, who has been under arrest since New Year's Eve, charged with shooting Herman Strauss, of No. 313 East Sixty-sixth street, while celebrating in front of his home. A bullet hit the boy in the thigh, and he died a few days later.

The three boys who stood charged with holding up Lena Anderson, of No. 638 East Ninth street, were in Essex Market Police Court yesterday. George Green, the sixteen-year-old colored boy, who first seized the girl, was held for trial. William Nyberg and Martin Burrian, each aged thirteen years, were discharged on the ground of insufficient evidence.

The four juvenile burglars—Thomas Glavin, Thomas Goffario, Louis Loner and John Loece—ranging in age from fourteen to eleven years, who were arrested last Sunday at work in the barroom of Doxcher & Meyer, No. 95 Church street, were held in \$2,000 bail each for trial in the Central Police Court yesterday by Magistrate Brann. Agent William H. King, of the Gier Society, swore that Goffario had been arrested once before for burglary, and that Loner had been taken to the society's rooms for intoxication.

Edward Pettiford, a hallboy at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday charged with stealing \$70 from Wilhelm Marks, a guest. He left the money on the bed while the boy was shining his shoes. He left the room, and when he returned the money was gone. The lad protested

THE AMENITIES OF POLITICS.

Senator Hill on Mr. Platt.

Who can tell what Mr. Platt might do in the Greater New York? He might lead its city government down with commissions, a majority of which in each case would be his tools. He could strike a deadly blow at self-government.—From an interview with Senator Hill in yesterday's Journal.

Dr. Parkhurst on Mr. Platt.

"Platt would be perfectly willing that New York and Brooklyn should go to the devil everlastingly if he can name the President and secure for himself the Treasury portfolio."

"I think that Platt is the most boldly cynical man regarding great moral questions that I have ever seen. In this he is a remarkable man. Also in his ability to ignore the honest public needs for what can be secured by Thomas C. Platt. But slumbering resentment is being aroused, and it will prevail against the schemers and the rascals."—From an interview with Dr. Parkhurst in yesterday's Journal.

Mr. Platt's Polite Retort.

To the Journal:

"All I have to say is I hope my friend the Doctor will manage to keep out of the lunatic asylum."

"It is of small interest to me what Senator Hill says. In fact, I don't care."

his innocence. He said he lived at No. 231 West Forty-sixth street. He was re-manded until to-day.

Boy on Trial for Murder.

Somerville, N. J., Jan. 16.—The trial of Clinton Jackson, a colored boy fourteen years old, for the murder of James Sullivan, a white boy, was begun in the Somerset County Court to-day. The boys were employed by Paul Beardsley, a farmer, near Millstone, and had frequent quarrels. The Sullivan boy was shot on December 24 during the absence of Farmer Beardsley, who found his dead body in the barn upon his return home, and caused Jackson's arrest.

YVETTE VIOLETTE'S DEBUT.
Her Striking Resemblance to Guilbert Captures the Audience.

Yvette Violette made her debut in the theatre part of Hammerstein's Olympia last night, and appeared between the acts of "Excelsior, Jr." This young woman, who is said to come from a high French family, bears a striking resemblance to Yvette Guilbert, not only in voice and features, but also in figure, hair and general appearance. As she strode slowly across the stage the resemblance was apparent to all, and she was greeted with great applause.

She sang several of Guilbert's songs, including the famous rendition of "Linger Longer, Lucy." Her facial expressions and gestures were exactly similar to those of the famous concert hall songstress, and she was encircled again and again. In the full glow of the calcium lights her resemblance to Guilbert was almost startling. She wore the same black gloves and long-out dress of her famous counterpart. This is Miss Violette's first appearance

upon any stage. She is said to have become so impressed with Guilbert's performances in Paris that it acted as a sort of hypnotic agent. Unconsciously she began to imitate Guilbert, and her friends noted her strong resemblance and correctness of her impersonations. She followed Miss Guilbert to this country, where Manager Rice learned of her peculiar art. After some difficulty he persuaded her to appear with "Excelsior, Jr." on the day following the departure of Miss Guilbert. Nothing has been seen in this country that approaches her impersonation for absolute accuracy.

Paul Martinetti All but Hanged.

During the pantomime at Koster & Bial's last night Paul Martinetti was nearly hanged. In his performance he is lowered through a hole in the ceiling by a rope. This rope in some way got wound about his neck last night. His struggles to release himself were taken by the audience as part of the act. He succeeded finally in getting his right arm free and loosened the rope just as the stage hands were about to rush to his assistance. The Republican editors who are "doing the town" occupied two boxes during the performance last night.

Whiskey Instead of Laudanum.

John W. Love, of No. 340 Sussex avenue, Newark, was found yesterday morning on Orange street in a semi-conscious condition, and was taken to the Second Precinct Police Station. In his pocket was found a bottle labelled "Laudanum," and the police at once came to the conclusion that Love had attempted suicide. The druggist who had sold the mixture was visited, and told the police that Love was intoxicated when he visited the store, and he had given him paragonic instead of laudanum. Love recovered from his stupor after a brief period and was taken to court, where the Justice fined him for the trouble he had given the police.

ACTORS' SALARIES DUE.

Members of the "Gentleman Joe" Company Demand Their Pay in Vain.

The Curtises Assign All Claims to Grocer Kellam, Who Is Sued by the Leading Man.

THE COMPANY IN DIRE DISTRESS.

Kellam Says Curtis, Not He, Owes the Company for Salaries—Injunctions Proved Disastrous.

Members of the ill-fated "Gentleman Joe" company are clamoring for their salaries. There was a lively scene at the Fifth Avenue Theatre Wednesday night, and at one time it looked as though a pitched battle would ensue.

There had been rumors that the ever-welcome "ghost" would not walk on the regular salary day, Tuesday, which, under the terms of the injunction obtained by Aronson, was the last night of the play at that theatre. A notice was posted on the call board that night requesting the members of the company to meet the following evening, when, it was understood, the money would be forthcoming.

Mrs. M. B. Curtis then announced that all claims must be presented to Moses K. Kellam, who, she said, was the financial backer of the company, and showed a document in support of her assertion.

AN UPROAR ENSUES.
Then she produced a blank form of demand upon Mr. Kellam for salaries, which she requested all members of the company to sign. Only a few did so, the rest resorting to exclamations of rage and various threats. The uproar grew so that the stage hands twice turned out the lights in order to force an adjournment.

Stage Manager Willard Lee yesterday had an attachment served on Kellam's place of business. He is a wholesale groceryman at No. 70 Murray street. Others have begun suit against him, while a majority are waiting to see how the affair is going to end. Many refuse to recognize Kellam in the matter at all, and say they will begin action against Curtis.

The fact remains that, whether justly or unjustly, Curtis and his wife are coming in for a large share of denunciation. Miss Carrie Roma, who played the principal female role in the play, is vigorous in her upbraidings.

MRS. ROMA INDIGNANT.
"The Curtises have not acted rightly in this matter from the beginning," said she yesterday. "The second Monday of the play at the Fifth Avenue theatre reached a climax. We knew that under the injunction obtained by Aronson the play could only be done two more nights. There was no sign of money."

"At first refused that night to go on the stage unless I was paid, but when Mrs. Curtis remanded me that the next day, Tuesday, was the regular salary day, and that I would be paid then, I consented. The next night Mrs. Curtis showed me

the bill of sale executed in Kellam's favor, but I refused to recognize him, as my contract was with Curtis. Again I was promised that I would be paid the next night and I went on. The result is none of us have received about \$11.

"The scene at the theatre Wednesday night was heartrending. There were girls who had walked down from Harlem, lacking the necessary car fare. There are many cases of destitution in the company. 'Whether Mr. Kellam is liable for salaries or not I cannot say. My contract, however, is with Mr. Curtis, and I look to him for my money.'

LEE SUES KELLAM.
Willard Lee, who took the principal male role after Curtis was enjoined from playing it, said he did not take any sides in the matter.

"As far as I can see," said he, "Mr. Kellam is the legal backer of the show, and I look to him for the payment of my two weeks' salary."

Miss Annie Meyer, who was one of the company, went to her home in Baltimore yesterday. She evidently had no hopes of getting her money.

Manager Minter has not been paid for the use of his theatre, but his manager, J. Charles Davis, is quoted as saying he was waiting for one to look up.

The cases against Kellam will come up in court to-day.

KELLAM HELPED CURTIS.
George Kellam was seen at his home, No. 412 West Twentieth street, last night.

"Curtis could not get the manuscript of the play," said the grocer, "and he came to me for help. It was sent over here to be held by a bank until a certain sum was forthcoming. I loaned him the money, the amount of which I do not care to state, to get the play, and was to share the profits, if there were any."

Mr. Kellam said that he did not owe the members of the company, and was evidently of the belief that if money was due Curtis was the one to look to for it.

Mr. Kellam's daughter is Adelaide Worthing, who took the part of Miss Lollie Potts in "Gentleman Joe."

BAKER SIMON HAS GONE.

Said to Have Elopel to Germany on the Insurance Money from His Dead Children.

Frederick Simon, who worked in Mangels & Schmidt's bakery at Newark, has disappeared, and his wife thinks he sailed for Germany on Wednesday with Kate Sperock, a servant. The police traced the couple to this city, but lost the trail. Mrs. Simon is very ill and has to depend on her neighbors for care and food.

She says her husband tried to kill her and wanted her to drink carbolic acid in place of medicine. Simon left Newark Monday night. Two of his children had died within two weeks and within forty-eight hours of each other. Each had life insured for \$50. Simon met his wife at the insurance office Monday afternoon and took the insurance money, saying he would pay the undertaker. He did pay \$15 and then went to the Market Street Depot, where he met Kate Sperock.

He went to Alderman Mungle's store and asked to have a check cashed for \$50, but did not get the money. John Betiger, who worked with the missing man, has made a charge of fraud, saying he advanced \$25 on a spurious note. Mangels & Schmidt, his employers, say he stole \$25 from them.

Explosion Caused by a Pipe.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 16.—While asserting gun shells yesterday a spark from the pipe of one of the shells. A terrific explosion followed, wrecking the building and fatally burning James Trent, Thomas Hatcher and James Miller.

THE THIRTEEN WIVES OF GEORGE MEYER AND THE LAST OF HIS COURTSHIPS.



MRS. LOUISE FICKEN,
No. 209 East Eighty-fifth street.



MISS CLARA HUBER,
No. 155 East Thirty-seventh street.



MRS. FRIEDA KIEFFER, NEE KAISER,
No. 136 Thirteenth street.



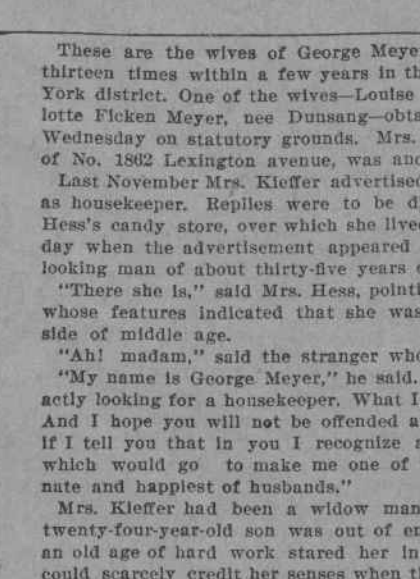
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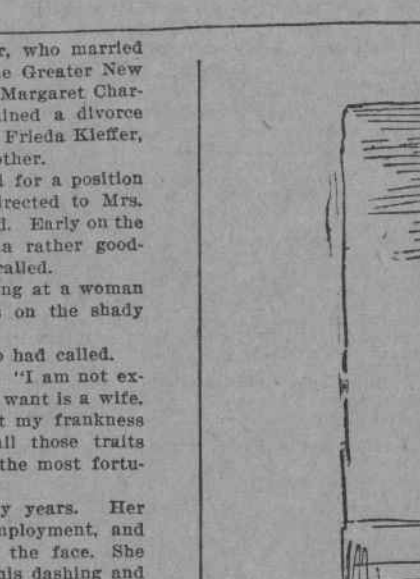
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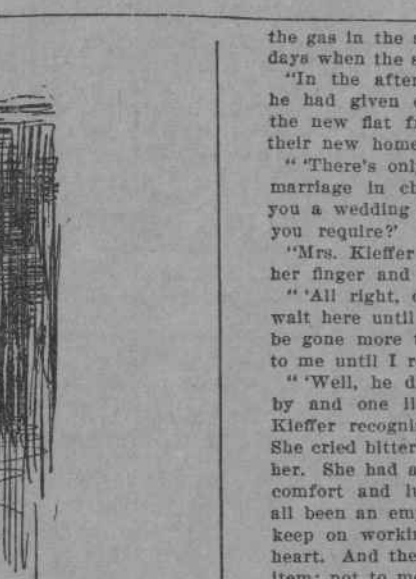
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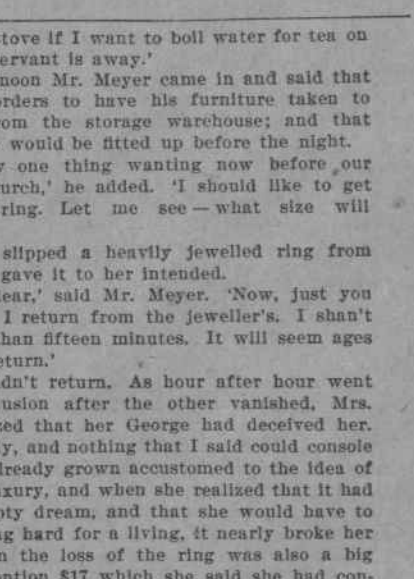
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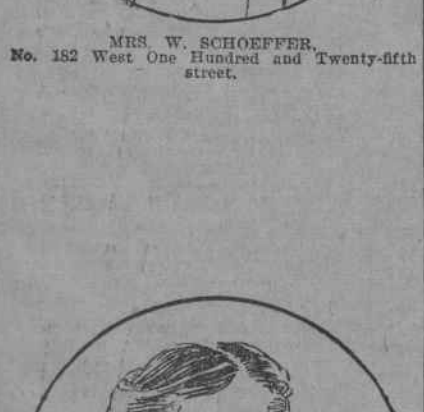
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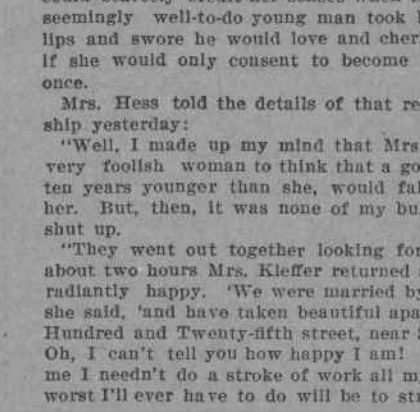
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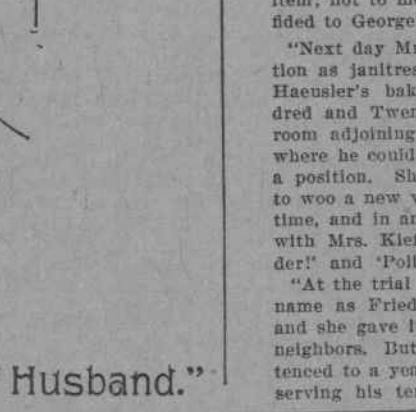
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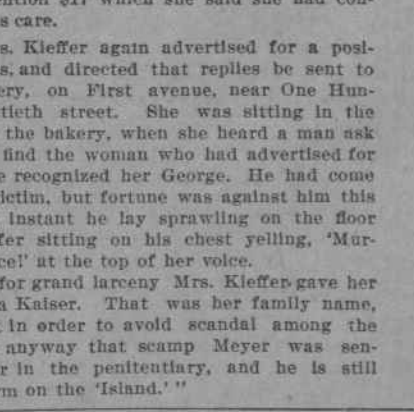
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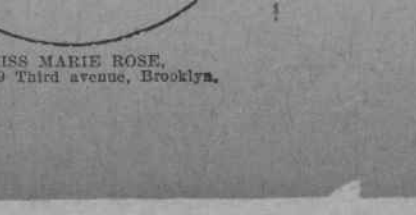
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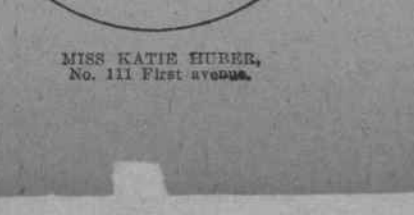
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